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1. ON FEB 21, AN EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER CALLED ON DIRECTOR MICKIEWICZ OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THE CASES OF MARTIN AND RENA WANCJER, DR. AND MRS. ANDRZEJ SZECHTER, AND JULIA ZIEMECKI. EMBOFF STRESSED POINTS OF PARA 6, REF (A) IN CONNECTION WITH THE WANCJER CASE. MICKIEWICZ SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THE CASE AND ADVISE US OF NAY DECISION MADE. HE SAID THAT, BASED ONLY ON THE FACTS EMBOFF PRESENTED, IT WAS LIKELY MRS. WANCJER WOULD RECEIVE A VISA, SINCE IT IS HER FATHER THE WANCJER'S WANT TO VISIT.

2. MICKIEWICZ SAID HE HAD COMMUNICATED WITH THE "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN OTHER MINISTRIES" CONCERNING THE SZECHTER CASE, BUT HAD NO RESPONSE AS YET. EMBOFF AGAIN RAISED THE POINTS DISCUSSED IN REF (C), STRESSING THAT THE SZECHTERS ARE TRYING TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER OF THE DISTRICT
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COURT IN BIALYSTOK, BUT ARE UNABLE TO DO SO IF THEY CANNOT OBTAIN VISAS. MICKIEWICZ PROMISED TO HAVE SOME INFORMATION FOR US ON THE SZECHTER CASE SOON.

3. ON THE ZIEMECKI CASE, MICKIEWICZ SAID THAT WHILE A FINAL DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE, THAT DECISION

WOULD PROBABLY BE NEGATIVE. THERE
ARE "STRONG OBJECTIONS" TO MRS. ZIEMIECKI'S APPLI-
CATION BECAUSE SHE IS A PERSON "UNFRIENDLY TO
POLAND" WHO HAS EXPRESSED HER HOSTILITY PUBLICLY.
MICKIEWICZ SAID IT IS DISTRESSING TO THE
HOST WHEN A GUEST IN HIS HOME DOES NOT ACT PROPERLY.

4. EMBOFF EXPRESSED REGRET AT MICKIEWICZ'S
COMMENTS ON THE ZIEMECKI CASE, EMPHASIZING THAT THIS
CASE AS WELL AS THAT OF THE WANCJERS' CLEARLY CON-
CERNS A FAMILY VISIT AS DEFINED IN THE HELSINKI
FINAL ACT. MICKIEWICZ RESPONDED THAT, WHILE THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE
OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ACT, OTHER MINISTRIES WERE
NOT COOPERATING. HE AGAIN NOTED, AS HE HAS
IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFFS ON VISA
MATTERS, THAT HE BELIEVES THE VISA-ISSUING PROB-
LEM IS AN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN POLISH-
AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE ALSO INDICATED AGAIN
THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INFLUENCE IN
THESE TYPES OF CASES IS LIMITED.

5. MICKIEWICZ ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE DIVIDED
FAMILY ISSUE. THIS CONVERSATION IS THE SUBJECT
OF A SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

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